(b) if so, how far Government are considering this proposal favourably;

(c) the States where Madarsa Boards have been set up; and

(d) the financial assistance released so far by Government for betterment of the Madarsas, State-wise during this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) As per the information available, Madarsa Boards are functioning in the States of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(d) Under the scheme of Area Intensive and Madarsa Modernization Programme, grants have been released to State during this year as follow:

Sl. No.	Name of States/U.T.	Amount of grant (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Uttar Pradesh	235.25
2.	Maharashtra	3.16
3.	Tripura	45.72
4.	Bihar	79.92
5.	Andhra Pradesh	35.20
	TOTAL :	399.25

Free education to girl child

1971. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has decided to provide free education to every single girl child from class VI to XII in C.B.S.E. affiliated schools;

(b) if so, by when this scheme would be implemented;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted by CBSE before passing this order;

(d) whether Government have held talks with all the State Governments before implementing this scheme;

(e) whether it is a fact that recently the University Grants Commission and the Central Board of Secondary Education has suggested that this scheme may be implemented by the Public Schools itself which is being objected by National Progressive Schools Conference; and

(f) the decision or proposal of his Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has issued a circular dated 18.10.2005, directing schools affiliated to it to provide full waiver of all fees (including tution and all other fees except for meal & transportation) charged by them, to each girl student from class VI to XII who is a "Single Child" of her parents, either with immediate effect or from the next academic session commencing from 1st April, 2006. Schools seeking new affiliation will have to implement the above scheme with immediate effect.

(c) As drop-out rates for girls at different levels of education are higher than those for boys, and discrimination of girl child in education is a well accepted fact, hence no survey was required.

(d) No, Sir. The instruction issued by the CBSE are applicable only to schools affiliated to CBSE.

(e) and (f) The scheme is to be implemented by schools affiliated to CBSE. National Progressive School Conference (NPSC), Delhi an organization of about 80 schools in and around Delhi has objected to the scheme, but the representation of NPSC has been rejected.

UGC grant for infrastructure development

1972. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) used to provide grants to recognized colleges for infrastructure development;

(b) if so, whether the grants provided for infrastructure facilities including hostels are utilized/being utilized for the same purpose;

(c) if so, whether any survey/studies are initiated for verifying the use of such infrastructure/assets;

(d) if so, the details of such survey/study done in Kerala, category-wise, an on today; and